



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2818
Examiner: Chuong A. Luu

In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicants: Noriko TOMITA et al.

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Filing Date: September 12, 2003

For: SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE
SURFACE PROTECTION METHOD

Docket No.: OHG135

**RESPONSE TO
ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 2, 2005, Applicants elect the embodiment of species I for examination. Claims 1 through 12 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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